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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Tran N. Nguyen

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) 3-7,9 and 11 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1,2,8 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Drawings

2. **Figure 1** should be designated by a legend such as --**Prior Art**-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. **Claims 1, 8, 10** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Among **claims 1, 8, 10** the phrases “low temperature end” is indefinite because it is unclear whether it’s the low temperature of the predetermined temperature range, i.e., low end of the temperature range, or is it a low-temperature end part, as a structural component, of the cooling means? It is understood as low temperature end of the cooling means.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. **Claims 1-2**, as understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being fully anticipated by **Elsel (US 4228374)**.

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Elsel discloses a superconducting field coil (5); and cooling means for cooling the superconducting field coil by a low temperature end formed by means of heat and enthalpy flow generated by repeated compression and expansion of helium working fluid (col. 6 line 14+).

5. **Claims 1-2 and 8**, as understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being fully anticipated by **Laskaris (US 4,082,967)**.

Laskaris discloses an AC machine, such as a generator with a superconducting rotor (fig 1-2), with a cooling system located inside, comprising: a superconducting field coil; and cooling means for cooling the superconducting field coil by a low temperature end formed by means of heat and enthalpy flow generated by repeated compression and expansion of helium working fluid. The armature disposed around the rotor being spaced apart from the superconducting rotor for generating magnetic field between the rotor and the stator is not shown. Inherently, the armature and its arrangement with respect to the rotor are essential component for an electric generator to functionally operate.

6. **Claims 1-2 and 10**, as understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being fully anticipated by **Joshi (US 5,482,919)**.

Joshi discloses an electric motor with a superconducting rotor (fig 1-2), with a cooling system located inside, comprising: a superconducting field coil; and cooling means for cooling the superconducting field coil by a low temperature end formed by means of heat and enthalpy flow generated by repeated compression and expansion of helium working fluid. The armature disposed around the rotor being spaced apart from the superconducting rotor for generating magnetic field between the rotor and the stator is not shown. Inherently, the armature and its arrangement with respect to the rotor are essential part for an electric motor to functionally operate.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3-7, 9 and 11 are allowed.

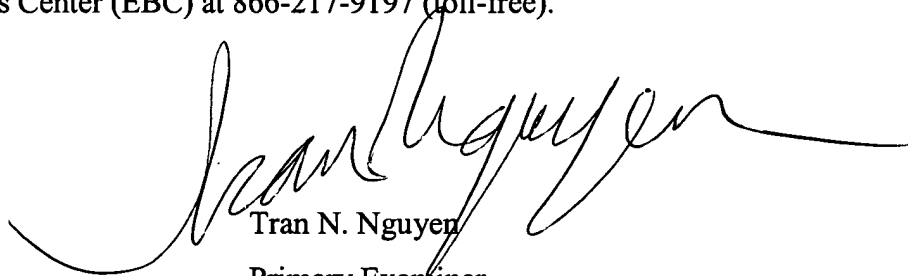
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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tran N. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-2030. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:00AM-4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darren Schuberg can be reached on (571)-272-2044. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tran N. Nguyen', is written over the printed name and title.

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